

The proposed amendment would change direction related a linkage fee phase-in to the more permissive “may.” Proposed amendments are shown in [track changes](#).

Section 2. Program Parameters. The Council requests that the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Office of Housing (OH) develop, in cooperation with the Council, a proposed council bill to implement the Program, subject to the following parameters.

- g. Program Phase-in. To allow real estate markets to adjust to the Program, fees ~~should~~may be phased in over a three-year period with the first year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016. In the first year an amount equal to approximately one third of the linkage fee established for a given area should apply. In the second year an amount equal to approximately two thirds of the linkage fee for a given area should apply. In the third year, the total linkage fee should apply. The current Affordable Housing Incentive Program should be maintained for the duration of the phase-in period. While both programs operate, the higher applicable fee should apply.
